

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 901

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to commend Thomas Caldwell for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and congratulate him upon being honored by the City of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Caldwell is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors and who recently has been honored by the City of Chattanooga as one of the namesakes of "Chuck Comer and Tom Caldwell Day," to be observed April 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as an attorney with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, and Berkowitz, a position from which he recently retired, Mr. Caldwell distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell has also served for fifty-seven years as an active board member of the Orange Grove Center, a private, non-profit organization serving adults and children with developmental disabilities; this esteemed institution was established in 1953 by families of children with intellectual disabilities in Hamilton County who were in need of educational services and now serves approximately 700 individuals with a wide array of community services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, one of the original signers of the Orange Grove Center's Charter, Mr. Caldwell remains committed to his role as a founding board member with the agency; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Thomas Caldwell, along with those of fellow long-time board member Chuck Comer, will be recognized at the Orange Grove Center's Breakfast for Champions on April 30, 2010, which will also be celebrated as "Chuck Comer and Thomas Caldwell Day" by the City of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Caldwell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Thomas Caldwell for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being honored by the City of Chattanooga, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.